

BOOK REVIEWS

EVERSMAN, S. and M. CARR. 1992. **Yellowstone Ecology: A Road Guide.** Mountain Press Publishing Company, P.O. Box 2399, Missoula, MT 59806. \$12.00. 242 pp.

This well-written, easily readable publication artfully leads the reader through the diversity of habitats comprising the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, a 14 million acre complex containing Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and surrounding highlands and plains. A true road guide, the book explores this vast region from 28 different roadway segments; each with an accompanying map and description of points of interest. Along the way, the book reveals many unique aspects of Yellowstone ecology.

Included in the book are informational sections on general ecology as it relates to the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem; specifically the topics of geology and climate, vegetation patterns and wildlife distributions and ecology. Also included are a glossary of terms and a section of selected readings.

Yellowstone Ecology: A Road Guide is an excellent tool for both the novice ecologist and the academician intent on exploring and understanding the natural setting of this most pristine environment.—*Joseph F. Kuban Jr.*

FRANKEL, E. 1991. **Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, Poison Sumac and their relatives, pistachios, mangoes, cashews.** The Boxwood Press, 183 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Paper \$9.95 + \$1.25 postage. 98 pp.

This non-technical book is a valuable source of information for those individuals, three out of four, that are sensitive to these plants.

The Chapter titles are: 1) Is It Poison Ivy? 2) Climbing Poison Ivy, 3) Non climbing Poison Ivy, 4) Poison Oaks: East and West, 5) Sumacs: Harmful and Harmless, 6) Relatives of the *Toxicodendrons*, 7) Tales of the *Toxicodendron* Toxins: Fact and Fiction, 8 *Toxicodendron* Dermatitis, 9) Prevention and Treatment of the *Toxicodendron* Terror, 10) Controlling *Toxicodendrons*, 11) In Praise of *Toxicodendrons*.

The Appendices include: The Ten *Toxicodendron* Tenets, Key to Some Common Native Species of *Toxicodendron* and *Rhus*, and Books and Periodicals followed by the Index.

Line drawings and black and white photographs illustrate the text discussion making it very readable.—*Wm. F. Mabler.*